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SUBJECT: JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION: PRESS RELATIONS

REF: STATE 240683; USREP 0153

1. EMBASSY HAS NO OBJECTION TO EFFORTS TO GAIN MORE PUBLIC SAUDI ATTEMPTION FOR JOINT COMMISSION. VARIOUS SAG OFFICIALS, INCLUDING NEW MINISTER OF COMMERCE, DR. SULAIM, HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT THE LACK OF PUBLICITY. EMBASSY ALSO BELIEVES TIME HAS COME TO SEEK TACTFUL PUBLICITY.

2. APPROPRIATE METHOD AND CHANNEL IS, OF COURSE, ANOTHER QUESTION. NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT THE JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION IS NOT A FOREIGN INSTITUTION IN SAUDI ARABIA. USREP AND EMBASSY ARE NOT CONSIDERING THAT USREP ISSUE A COMMUNIQUE, BUT THAT SAUDI COORDINATOR'S OFFICE AND USREP ISSUE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. COMMUNIQUE WOULD BE ISSUED AT A MIDDLE, TECHNICAL LEVEL, NOT AT AL-TURKI OR MORGAN LEVEL.

3. ANY PRESS RELEASE ON THIS OR OTHER MATTERS WILL BE COORDINATED BETWEEN THE JOINT COMMISSION U.S. REP IN RIYADH AND THE US AND USIS REPS IN RIYADH.
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